

Traumatic Injury

What the numbers say for Indiana and District 10



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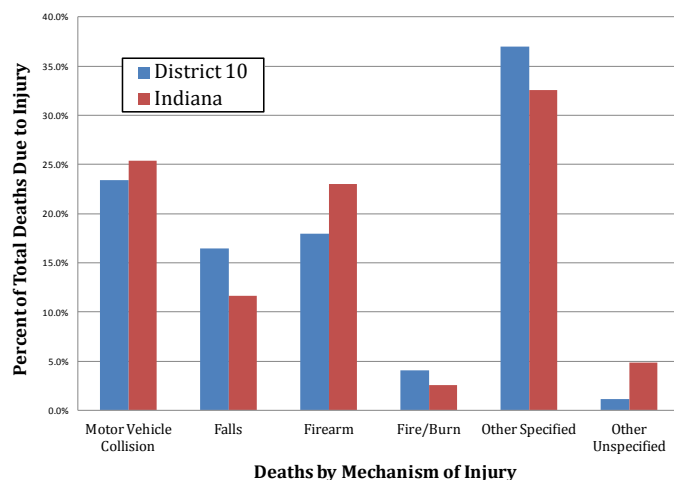
Traumatic injury is the No. 1 killer of Hoosiers under the age of 45. Nationally, there are 33 million emergency department visits each year due to injury. In 2010, there were 180,811 deaths across the country due to injury.

Falls. More than 8 million Americans suffer falls that require medical attention each year. One in three Americans ages 65 and older experiences a fall annually, and nationally, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths in adults over 65 years of age. **For Hoosiers, 359 people died from fall-related injuries in 2010, with 45 of those fatalities coming from District 10. There were 773 trauma hospitalizations from falls in District 10 in 2010; falls were the largest cause of trauma hospitalizations for the district and the state.**

Motor vehicle crashes. Indiana ranks first in the nation for interstate highway miles per land area. Motor vehicle fatalities are the No. 1 killer of Hoosiers ages 5-24. Nationally, motor vehicle incidents are the leading cause of death for individuals ages 1 to 19. **Motor vehicle incidents were the cause of 20 percent of the trauma hospitalizations in District 10. In 2010, motor vehicle collisions caused 780 deaths in Indiana, with 64 of those fatalities coming from District 10.**

District 10 includes Knox, Daviess, Martin, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Crawford, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer and Perry counties.

Comparison Between State Mortality Data and District 10 in 2010

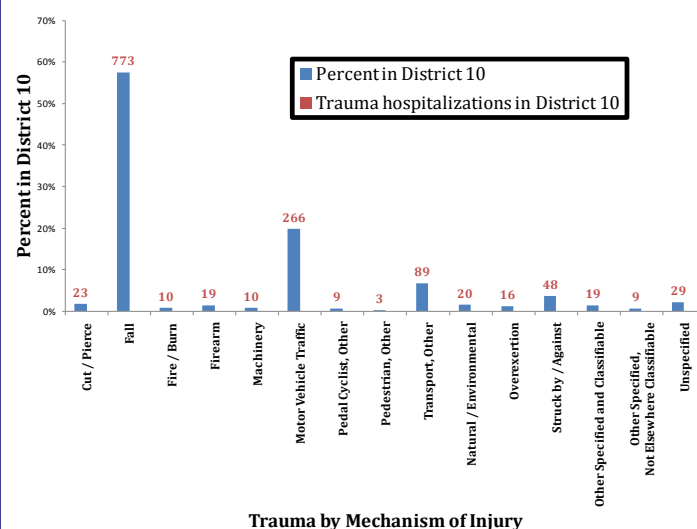


Fires/Burns. Fire departments respond to around 380,000 home fires a year. Nationally, home fires kill around 2,600 people each year and injure another 13,350 people. **In Indiana during 2010, fires and burns killed 78 people, including 11 people in District 10. Ten people in District 10 were also hospitalized due to fires or burns in 2010.**

Firearms/Violence-related injuries. Each year, more than 18,000 Americans are murdered, and more than 34,000 commit suicide. **In Indiana in 2010, there were 709 deaths due to firearms, with 49 in District 10. There were 19 trauma hospitalizations due to firearms in District 10 during 2010.**

Other. There are many other types of trauma that can lead to death, including cycling and pedestrian incidents, overexertion and machinery and farming incidents. **All trauma combined led to the death of 3,077 Hoosiers in Indiana in 2010. Statewide, 19,588 people were hospitalized with trauma in 2010.**

Trauma Hospitalizations by Mechanism/Cause for District 10 in 2010



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